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DRUID!"**

**NICK FURY,  
AGENT OF  
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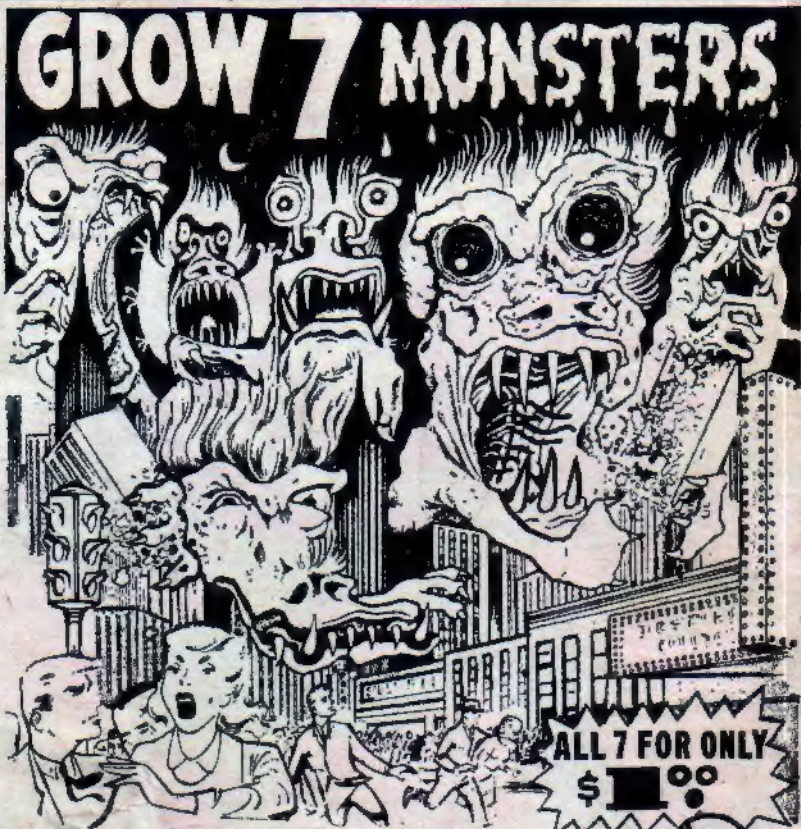


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LET THE IMAGE OF OUR GREATEST ENEMY NOW APPEAR! THE DRUID SO COMMANDS!



ONCE AGAIN, MIGHTY MARVEL REACHES NEW HEIGHTS OF BRILLIANCE, PROPELLED BY THE TITANIC TEAM OF:

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**H. PURCELL • M. DEMEO**  
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LETTERER

WHETHER YOU LIKE IT OR LOATHE IT, YOU'LL HAVE TO ADMIT ONE THING... THIS THRILLER IS DIFFERENT...!





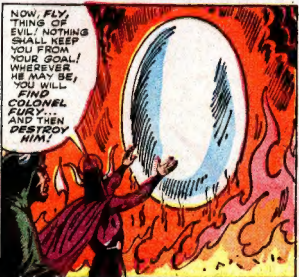
DEATH TO SHIELD!! DEATH TO FURY, ITS ACCURSED LEADER! SO SHALL IT BE!

NO, YOU ARE NOT WITNESSING RITES OF MAGIC... AT LEAST, NOT THE MAGIC OF YORE! THIS IS A FAR MORE POTENT, FAR MORE DEADLY TYPE OF MAGIC... MYSTIC RITES COMBINED WITH MODERN, SINISTER SCIENCE!



LET NO ONE MOVE! LET NO VOICE SAVE MINE BE HEARD! THE MOMENT HAS COME!

TOO LONG HAVE WE REMAINED HIDDEN FROM THE SIGHT OF MEN! AT LAST THE WORLD MUST FEEL THE POWER OF THE DRUIDS!



NOW, FLY, THING OF EVIL! NOTHING SHALL KEEP YOU FROM YOUR GOAL! WHEREVER HE MAY BE, YOU WILL FIND COLONEL FURY... AND THEN DESTROY HIM!



NOW LET THE IMAGES CEASE!

THE DRUID SO COMMANDS!

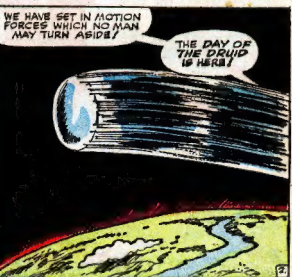
IT IS TIME TO REMOVE THE TRAPPINGS!

THAT MEANS THE DRUID IS READY TO STRIKE!



STAND BACK! LET NO ONE WAVER! THIS IS OUR HOUR OF DESTINY!

THOSE WHO SERVE BELOW... HEAR THE WORDS OF THE DRUID! BRING YOU FORTH THE EGG OF SATAN!!



WE HAVE SET IN MOTION FORCES WHICH NO MAN MAY TURN ABIDE!

THE DAY OF THE DRUID IS HERE!



BUT NOW, OUR SCENE CHANGES, AS WE VISIT A **DISASTER SCENE**, SCANT MOMENTS BEFORE, ANOTHER "SATAN'S EGG" BEING TESTED BY THE DRUID...HAD ATTACKED AND DESTROYED A HIGH-FLYING ATOMIC AIRCRAFT...!

CLEAR THE AREA!! IF THE PLANE'S REACTOR BLOWS, IT'LL BE CURTAINS FOR US!

WE'RE TOO LATE...NOTHING CAN STOP THOSE FLAMES NOW!

WAIT!! WE CAN'T RUN FOR COVER NOW! FURY'S STILL INSIDE THE PLANE...TRYIN' TO SHUT OFF THE REACTOR!

BUT THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO TO HELP PUGAN! LET'S GO!

\*AS VIVIDLY PORTRAYED IN LAST MONTH'S SAGA OF SHIELD...STAN.

NO! I AIN'T DESERTIN' IM NOW! NOT AFTER ALL THESE YEARS! LEGGO... I'M GOIN' IN AFTER 'IM!

WE'D ALL GO IN, IF WE COULD! BUT NONE OF US WOULD LAST A MINUTE! WE'VE ONLY ONE PROTECTIVE SUIT...AND FURY'S WEARING IT!

BUT HE AIN'T GOT A CHANCE IN THERE! LEMME GO, BLAST YER HIDES!

AND, INSIDE THE FLAMING STEEL INFERNO, WE FIND...

SMOKE'S TOO THICK!! CAN'T SEE WHAT I'M DOIN'...

BUT I CAN'T QUIT NOW! THERE'S A NEW-TYPE REACTOR INSIDE...THE FLY BOYS NEED IT!

I'VE GOTTA REACH IT...IN THE NEXT FEW SECONDS!

BUT THEN, A LOOSE STEEL BEAM SUDDENLY DROPS UPON THE DESPERATE AGENT...

THUMP!

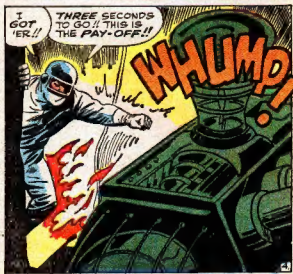
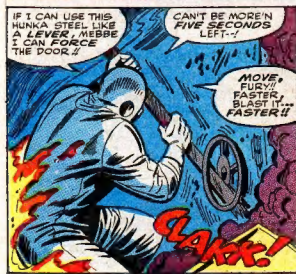
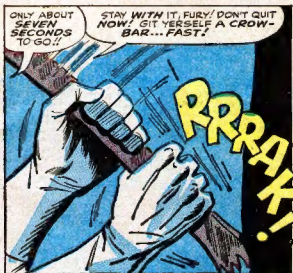
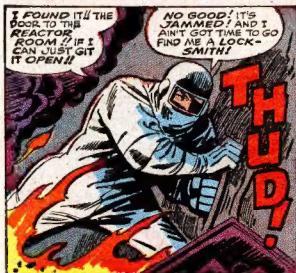
UNNNH! MY HEAD...!

OF ALL THE CRUMMY LUCK...EVERYTHIN' SPINNIN' AROUND...GITTIN' DIZZY...DIZZY...

BUT, I CAN'T BLACK OUT!! I CAN'T! GOTTA GIT TO THE REACTOR!

GOTTA SHUT IT OFF...THEN...IT DON'T MATTER...WHAT HAPPENS...TO ME...!





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## MARVEL BULLPEN BULLETINS!

### NATURALLY NIFTY, NEWSY, NONDESCRIPT NONSENSE ABOUT OUR NUTTY NON-ENTITIES!

**HOW ABOUT THAT!** It could only happen to a Marvel mag! Before the ink was fully dry on the great first ish of our MARVEL COLLECTORS' ITEM CLASSICS, the fan mail began to pour in from everywhere! And so, in the space of only 30 days, we've changed it from a quarterly to a bi-monthly! Now, let's see how long it'll take to make our latest smash hit a MONTHLY! And, speaking of that—are you aware that every single Marvel super-hero mag is published monthly? Not "monthly with the exception of the following months—" but monthly, period! In case we haven't told you, only Marvel can make that boast!

**DIDJA KNOW?** Didja know that the famous *National Observer* (published weekly by Dow Jones) had a sensational write-up about comic mags in its Oct. 11th edition? And guess who got the king-sized share of the mentions, with quotes like: "—The Merry Marvel Marching Society [is] a comic book fan club—chapters meet at such schools as Harvard, Yale, and Princeton.—The publishers explain their new popularity with one word: Sophistication, both in the comics and the readers. The turning point for comics was about three years ago, when Stan Lee decided to try to reach readers beyond the bubble-gum brigade. Aiming at high school and college students, he created the FANTASTIC FOUR.—The F.F. were an instant hit.—The result for Marvel is impressive and promising.—It is selling 33,000,000 copies a year. Marvel Comics—innovator of the new trend." Any questions, students? Didja know the nation's top disc jockeys have been filling the airwaves with psalms of praise for our Marvel mags! In fact, practically every top-rated disc jockey is now a full-fledged Merry Marcher! More about that in following issues, when space allow!

**STRICTLY PERSONAL:** It hadda happen! JACK "KING" KIRBY himself insisted that jazzy JOHNNY ROMITA was the only logical illustrator to handle Captain America in the master's own style, and if you've seen this month's TALES OF SUSPENSE, you'll know why! And how about the sensational job the jazzy one is doing on DAREDEVIL? Yep, it looks as if ol' ring-a-ding Romita is with us to stay! But you ain't seen nothin' yet! Not till you latch onto TALES TO ASTONISH and thrill to the artwork of BILL EVERETT, who positively draws the hulkiest Hulk you've ever seen! We're really flipping over Bill's reentry into the bullpen, and can't wait to hear your comments. We think he's gonna prove to be another STEVE DITKO—with an inimitable style all his own, just as sturdy Stevey has. By the way, if you see the shiniest, brightest, most fire-engine-red Buick Riviera you've ever seen scootin' down a Long Island highway, wave hello as the dashin' driver barrels by, because it'll probably be dazzling DONNIE HECK with his latest pride 'n joy! If we could get him to spend

half as much time at the drawing board as he does polishing his flivver, we could publish the AVENGERS every week! Have you heard about SMILIN' STAN'S first "vacation" in years? He took a whole weekend off, as he and his lovely blonde wife hopped a train to Toronto. Why didn't they fly? Because the train gave him time to bat out a couple of SCRIPTS on the way, natch! Lots of you have been asking for some inside info about IRVING FORBUSH. We can't make up our minds whether to keep him a man of mystery, or to blow the whole bill! But in issues to come, we'll try to clue you in about the most famous nobody in all of comicdom!

**DEPT. OF UTTER CONFUSION!** It seems we've hardly finished work on our last batch of 25¢ Annals, but now it's time to start planning our new ones for the summer of '66! Keep watching this space for further details as they develop! Y'know, we can hardly keep track of all our "extra" projects, like our Marvel T-shirts, swingin' stationery, the good ol' M.M.M.S., our life-sized pin-ups, Hulk sweat shirt, etc., etc.! And we've so many more projects in the works that we're going batty! (Oops, sorry! We mean BATTIERI) The amazing thing is that ALL those groovy gizmos have become howlin' hits, and we're beginning to feel as though we work for Sears-Roebuck instead of—of—say, who DD we work for, anyway? Oh well, it's been one of those kinda days again!

**THE WRAP-UP:** For those of you who might be newcomers to the mighty Marvel Age of Comics, we want to extend a welcoming hand, and to reaffirm a pledge we made

years ago to Marvelites everywhere: Our magazines are proudly dedicated to you, the great new breed of comic reader! They're founded on the unswerving principle that our readers have the intelligence and good taste to recognize quality in story and art, and thus are deserving of the best we can produce! We may not always score a home run, but of this you may be certain—we'll always be in there swinging our hardest! So, till we meet again, FACE FRONT! And remember, we're nothing without you!

### THE MIGHTY MARVEL CHECKLIST

A Line-Up Of Some Of The Marvel-ous Mags  
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**FANTASTIC FOUR #50:** More about the most sensational new character of the season—the Silver Surfer! And don't miss the Torch's first day at college!

**SPIDER-MAN #36:** His name is the Looter! You've never seen him before! He's Spider's newest foe! So run, do not walk, to your newsstand—!

**THE AVENGERS #27:** We don't have to tell you that big things are in store for the Avengers—surprising things—you'll get a hint of what's to come in this great ish!

**X-MEN #19:** One of the most off-beat super-villains of all makes his premiere appearance in this landmark ish! Not to be missed!

**DAREDEVIL #15:** Remember the Ox—the strongest member of the Enforcers? Well, he's stronger than ever now—and DD's got him! It's a blast!

**THOR #127:** Odin himself, for the first time in ages, is in need of help! How? Why? A spectacle of suspense-filled splendor that you'll never forget!

**SUSPENSE #77:** At last Iron Man faces the unimaginable Ultim! And, prepare yourself for anything when you meet the girl from Captain America's past!

**ASTONISH #79:** Nothing can compare with the impact of Sub-Mariner challenging the Behemoth! As for the Hulk, all we need say is—he battles Hercules!

**Sgt. FURY #29:** We call this epic thriller "Armageddon"—and when your incredulous eyes behold the wonder, you'll soon know why!

**FANTASY MASTERPIECES #2:** More startling suspense smash-hits from the Golden Age of Marvel, featuring fabulous fantasy features by your favorite bullpen buddies!

**MARVEL COLLECTORS' ITEM CLASSICS #2:** If you're lucky, there may still be a copy available somewhere! But, since it features an early F.F., SPIDEY, and ANT-MAN, we kinda doubt it!

### Let's meet 26 more M.M.M.S. members!

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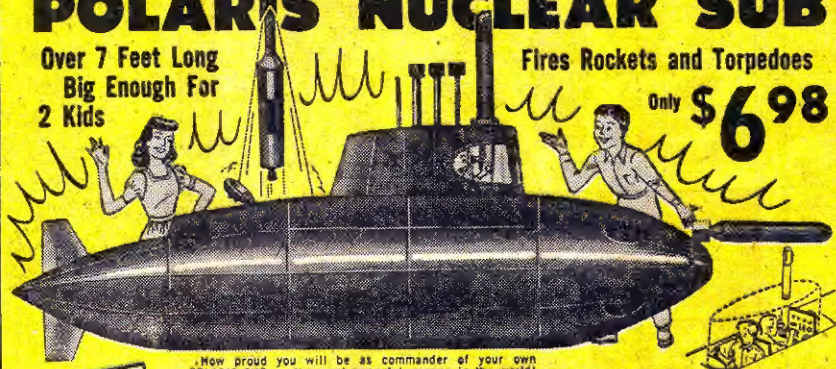
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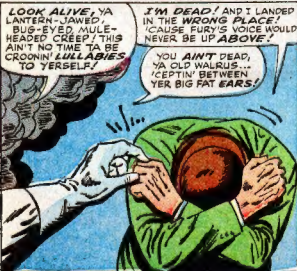
AND, JUST OUTSIDE THE DOOMED PLANE ...

LET'S GO, DUGAN, WE'VE ONLY SECONDS TO GET INSIDE THE MOBILE FALLOUT SHELTER!

THEN CLAM UP'N TAKE OFF! ME, I'M WAITIN' FER FURY OUT HERE... IN CASE HE NEEDS ME!

HURRY, YOU GUYS! WE'VE GOTTA SEAL THE DOOR!

IT WON'T DO THE COLONEL ANY GOOD FOR US TO GET BLOWN UP WITH HIM!

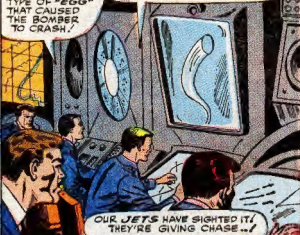




MINUTES LATER, AT ONE OF THE MANY SHIELD COASTAL DEFENSE COMMAND ROOMS WHICH DOT OUR SHORES ...

THERE'S NO MISTAKING IT! IT'S THE SAME TYPE OF "EGG" THAT CAUSED THE BOMBER TO CRASH.

IT'S APPROACHING THE AREA WHERE COLONEL FURY WAS LAST REPORTED! COULD BE COINCIDENCE, BUT...



OUR JETS HAVE SIGHTED IT! THEY'RE GIVING CHASE...

BLUE LEADER TO NAVAJO: GIVE ESTIMATED SPEED OF U.F.O.! OVER!

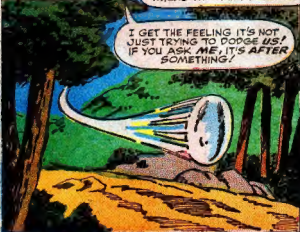


THE WAY IT'S OUTDISTANCING US, SKIPPER, IT'S GOTTA BE DOIN' AT LEAST 3,000! WE HAVEN'T A PRAYER OF CATCHIN' IT!

MAN! DID YA SEE THAT MANEUVER??!

AS IF ITS SPEED ISN'T ENOUGH, IT PLUMMETED BELOW TREE-TOP LEVEL WHERE WE CAN'T FOLLOW!

I GET THE FEELING IT'S NOT JUST TRYING TO DODGE US! IF YOU ASK ME, IT'S AFTER SOMETHING!



AND, AFTER SOMETHING IT IS, AS THE SWIFT, SILENT STALKER LOCATES A CERTAIN WINDING SUBURBAN ROAD ...

SAY, NICK, WADDAYA THINK OF THAT REPORT ABOUT A FLYIN' EGG CLOBBERIN' OUR BOMBER?

YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS MINE, DUM DUM!



HEY! TAKE IT EASY, COLONEL! YER DRIVIN' THIS CRATE LIKE THERE'S NO TOMORRA!

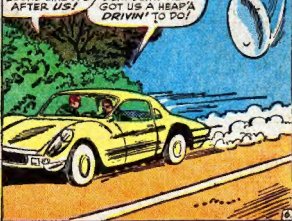
WHEN I NEED DRIVIN' LESSONS FROM YOU, I'LL LETCHA KNOW! TAKE A SQUINT OUTTA THE REAR WINDOW, MUSTER!



IT'S ANOTHER ONE OF THEM EGGS! BUT... THIS TIME IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S AFTER US!

ZAT SO?? WHATEVER GAVE YA THAT IDEA?!

NOW, HANG ON, DUM DUM! WE GOT US A HEAP'A DRIVIN' TO DO!

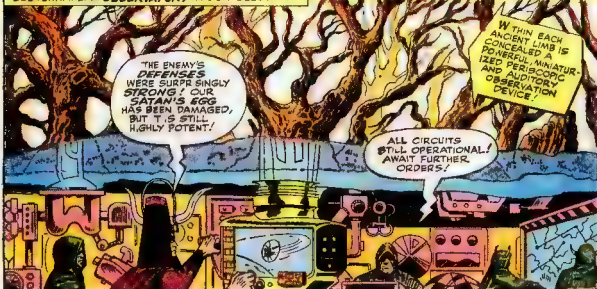








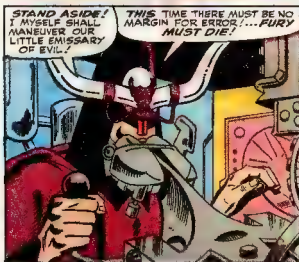
BUT JUST IN CASE YOU'VE BEEN WONDERING IF WE FORGOT ABOUT OUR DASTARDLY DRUID, WE'LL VISIT A LONELY FOREST, WHOSE GNAARLED TWISTED TREES SERVE AS CAMOUFLAGE FOR THE HIGHLY COMPLEX SUBTERRANEAN OBSERVATORY HIDDEN BELOW...



THE ENEMY'S DEFENSES WERE SURPRISINGLY STRONG! OUR SATAN'S EGG HAS BEEN DAMAGED, BUT IT'S STILL HIGHLY POTENT!

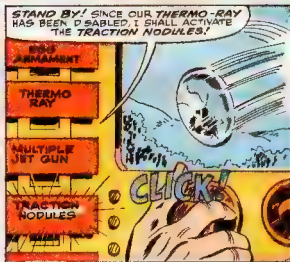
WITHIN EACH ANCIENT LIMB IS CONCEALED A POWERFUL, MINIATURIZED PERISCOPIC AND AUDITORY OBSERVATION DEVICE!

ALL CIRCUITS STILL OPERATIONAL! AWAIT FURTHER ORDERS!

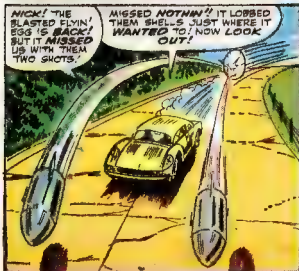


STAND ASIDE! I MYSELF SHALL MANEUVER OUR LITTLE EMISSARY OF EVIL!

THIS TIME THERE MUST BE NO MARGIN FOR ERROR!... FURY MUST DIE!

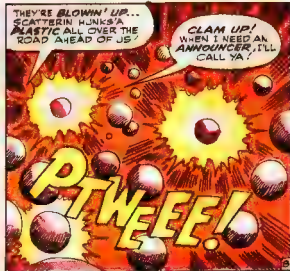


STAND BY! SINCE OUR THERMO-RAY HAS BEEN DISABLED, I SHALL ACTIVATE THE TRACTION NODULES!



NICK! THE BLASTED FLYIN' EGG IS BACK! BUT IT MISSED US WITH THEM TWO SHOTS!

MISSED NOTHIN'! IT LOBBED THEM SHELLS JUST WHERE IT WANTED 'EM! NOW LOOK OUT!



THEY'RE BLOWN' UP... SCATTERIN' HUNKS'A PLASTIC ALL OVER THE ROAD AHEAD OF US!

CLAM UP! WHEN I NEED AN ANNOUNCER, I'LL CALL YA!

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A MOST INSTANTANEOUSLY, THE INCREDIBLE PORTIONS OF PLASTIC STRIKING THE ROAD STICK TO THE HARD SURFACE LIKE CEMENT AND THEN QUICKLY RISE... FORMING THEMSELVES INTO A VER-TABLE COMPLEX OF IMPERVIOUS TANK TRAPS...!

FURY! HIT THE BRAKE! THEN THINGS LL WRECK US!

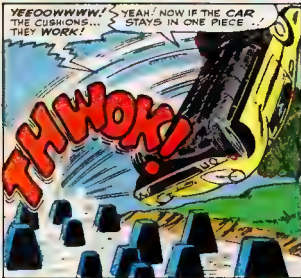
CAN'T DO IT! WE'RE GOIN' TOO FAST WE CAN'T STOP!

BUT THERE'S ONE THING WE CAN TRY OUR AIR SACS! HANG ON!



YEEOWWWWW! THE CUSHIONS... THEY WORK!

YEAH! NOW IF THE CAR STAYS IN ONE PIECE...



WHERE'D THESE COME FROM!? WHAT IN BLAZES ARE THEY?

THE SAME KINDA STUFF THE AIR LINES ARE EXPERIMENTIN' WITH NOW! THEY POP UP AT THE PUSH OF A BUTTON TO CUSHION THE SHOCK!

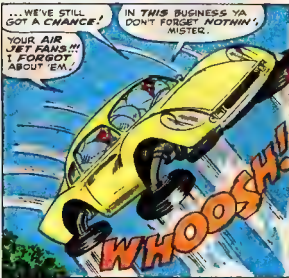
SIT TIGHT! WE'RE GONNA HIT!!



...WE'RE STILL GOT A CHANCE!

IN THIS BUSINESS YA DON'T FORGET NOTHIN', MISTER.

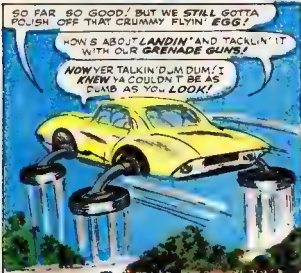
YOUR AIR JET FANS!!! I FORGOT ABOUT 'EM!



SO FAR SO GOOD! BUT WE STILL GOTTA POLISH OFF THAT CRUMMY FLYIN' EGG!

HOW'S ABOUT LANDIN' AND TACKLIN' IT WITH OUR GRENADE GUNS!

NOWYER TALKIN' DUM DUM! I KNEW YA COULDN'T BE AS DUMB AS YOU LOOK!



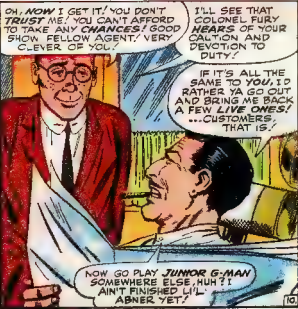
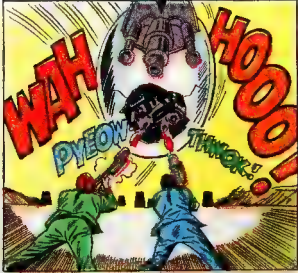
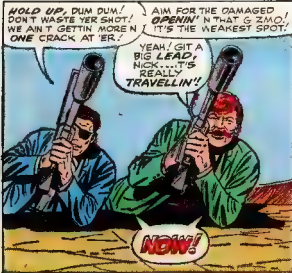
LOOKS LIKE WE'RE JUST IN TIME! HERE IT COMES NOW... SUNNY SIDE UP!

THIS IS LIKE OL' TIMES BACK IN THE HOWLERS! WE'LL MAKE AN OMELETTE OUTTA THAT CHICKEN-SCRATCHIN' GIZMO!

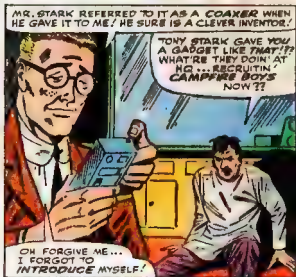
LET'S HIT 'ER HARD... LIKE WE USEDTA DO IN THE OL' HOWLERS!













ALLOW ME TO PRESENT MYSELF SIR! I'M JASPER SITWELL, SHIELD ACADEMY, CLASS OF '66.

I'VE BEEN ASSIGNED TO ASSIST YOU IN THE CASE OF THE FLYING EGGS, SIR!

EYER WAITIN' FER APPLAUSE, DON'T HOLD YER BREATH TOO LONG

EASY DUM DUM. THE KID'S ON OUR SIDE AN THE?

I KNOW YOU CONSIDER ME JUST A ROOMIE, COLONEL BUT I'VE TRAINED HARD FOR THIS ASSIGNMENT AND I GRADUATED AT THE TOP OF MY CLASS.

GLAD TO HEAR IT, KID! BUT, THERE AIN'T NOTHIN' FOR YA TO DO RIGHT NOW! WE STILL DON'T KNOW WHO'S LAUNCHIN' THOSE EGGS

AND UNTIL WE FIND OUT, ALL WE CAN DO IS MAKE TARGETS OF OURSELVES WHILE WE WAIT FOR THEIR NEXT ATTACK!

NOW AIN'T THAT A COMFORTIN' THOUGHT?!

NEVER FEAR SIR I SHALL DO WHATEVER IS REQUIRED OF ME! WHATEVER DEADLY DAMAGE MAY BEFALL, I SHALL NOT SHAK I SHALL NOT BE FOUND WANTING!

YEAH SURE 'SURE' THAT'S REAL NICE, KID. REAL, REAL NICE!

THANK YOU, COLONEL. COMMENDATION FROM A MAN OF YOUR STATURE IS TRIBUTE NEEDED

I SHALL GIVE OF MYSELF UNSTINTINGLY TO BE WORTHY OF YOUR TRUST YOUR FAITH, YOUR CONFIDENCE

WHEN THE CLARION CALL IS SOUNDED, JASPER SITWELL SHALL BE FOUND IN THE FRONT RANKS DAUNTLESS AND UNAFRAID!

THE USUAL COLONEL?

YEAH, AND MAKE IT FAST

IT'S GIVEN TO FEW MEN TO SERVE THE FORCES OF SHIELD... AND THOSE OF JS WHO ARE CHOSEN DARE NOT TAKE THE CHALLENGE LIGHTLY

IS HE FER REAL, NICK?

YA MEET ALL KINDS DUM DUM.

IF IN MY HUMBLE WAY I CAN ADD NEW LUSTER TO THE GLORY OF THE CORPS THAT WILL BE REWARD ENOUGH FOR JASPER SITWELL

EVER SHALL I BE TRUE TO THOSE INSPIRING UNPARALLELABLE WORDS DON'T YIELD... BACK SHIELD!

I THINK I'M GETTIN' NAUSEOUS

MESSE WE CAN SEND LEASE M TO UNCLE!

TH-THENVE GONE! YEAN SOME GUYS HAVE ALL THE LUCK

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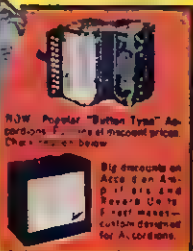
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DORMAMMU SPEAKS THE TRUTH... FOR IT WAS BY AIDING ME THAT THE GIRL INCURRED HIS ANGER! NOW IT IS I WHO MUST RESCUE HER!

AND YET, I AM HELPLESS-- FOR I COULD NOT REACH HER SIDE IN TIME TO SAVE HER FROM THE FURY OF MY MALEVOLENT FOE!\*

\*IN CASE THIS SCENE LOOKS A BIT FAMILIAR TO YOU, BE IT KNOWN THAT, THRU THE GENEROSITY OF MAGNANIMOUS MARVEL, YOU ARE RELIVING THAT DRAMATIC MOMENT WHEN AN ENRAGED DORMAMMU, THWARTED IN HIS ATTEMPT TO DESTROY DR. STRANGE, TURNS HIS RAMPAGING WRATH ON THE MYSTERIOUS SILVER-HAIRED GIRL WHO HAS BEFRIENDED THE MASTER OF THE MYSTIC ARTS, AS RELATED IN *STRANGE TALES* #141-- OR WAS IT #142?

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LIKE A MAN SPELLBOUND, DR. STRANGE BEHOLDS...

DORMAMMU--  
WAIT! YOUR  
QUARREL IS  
NOT WITH HER,  
BUT WITH ME.

TRUE, VICTORIOUS ONE! BUT, I  
HAVE GIVEN MY WORD NOT TO  
ATTACK YOU WHILE YOU STAY IN  
YOUR OWN CHERISHED DIMENSION...



"...AND THUS, I SHALL STRIKE  
AT YOU IN THE ONLY WAY  
THAT FATE HAS LEFT  
TO ME--BY PUNISHING  
THIS GIRL--MY SUBJECT  
WHO BETRAYED ME!

BUT, EVEN AS THE DESPERATE SEARCH CONTINUES,  
THE MASTER OF THE DARK DIMENSION RECEIVES  
A REPORT FROM ONE OF HIS MANY MERCENARIES...

IT IS I, MY LORD--ASTI,  
THE ALL-SEEING! I  
BRING YOU WORD OF THE  
ANCIENT ONE'S PROGRESS!

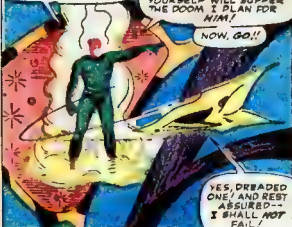
THEN OUT WITH IT,  
OMNISCIENT ONE! IS  
HE NEAR THE  
APPOINTED PLACE?



WHAT? YOU MINDLESS  
FLOATING MASK--NEED  
YOU ASK ME THAT?  
HURRY--ACT, BEFORE  
IT IS TOO LATE!

FOR, IF YOU FAIL TO  
LURE MY ENEMY INTO AN  
ALIEN DIMENSION--  
WHERE I AM UNDER NO  
VOW TO SPARE HIM--YOU  
YOURSELF WILL SUFFER  
THE DOOM I PLAN FOR  
HIM!

NOW, GO!!



YES, DREADED  
ONE! AND REST  
ASSURED--  
I SHALL NOT  
FAIL!

AND NOW, WHILE HIS DISCIPLE BATTLES ELSEWHERE  
FOR HIS VERY LIFE, WE SEE THE ECTOPLASMIC  
FORM OF THE VENERATED ANCIENT ONE  
DRIFTING THRU A DIMENSIONAL CORRIDOR...

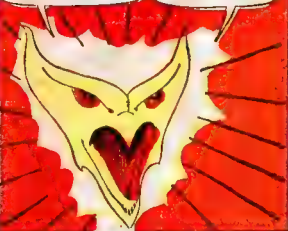
I MUST LOCATE FOR  
DR. STRANGE THE GIRL  
WHOM DORMAMMU HURLED  
INTO UNKNOWN UNIVERSES!



ONLY THUS CAN I  
REPAY HIM FOR  
HIS UNSWERVING  
DEVOTION TO ME!

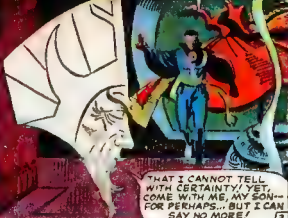
YES, GREAT DORMAMMU  
--AT THIS VERY MOMENT,  
HE APPROACHES THE  
OUTER REACHES OF  
COSMIC INFINITY!

HE IS IN POSITION--  
SHALL I NOW HASTEN  
THERE TO MAKE READY  
OUR TRAP FOR  
DR. STRANGE?



A SHORT TIME LATER, AS DR. STRANGE RETURNS  
FROM HIS RECENT TURBULENT CLASH WITH  
THE MINIONS OF BARON MORDO...

MASTER! HAVE  
YOU ANY WORD YET OF  
THE FEMALE I SEEK?



THAT I CANNOT TELL  
WITH CERTAINTY! YET,  
COME WITH ME, MY SON--  
FOR PERHAPS... BUT I CAN  
SAY NO MORE!



FOLLOWING THE ETHEREAL FORM OF HIS MENTOR THRU A MYSTIC BARRIER, THE MIGHTY SORCERER FINDS HIMSELF IN AN UNFAMILIAR UNIVERSE...

THE ANCIENT ONE-- AND A BEING WHO, BY HIS REGAL BEARING, MUST BE THE RULER OF THIS DIMENSION!

HAIL TO THEE, MASTER-- AND TO *THEE*, O SOVEREIGN OF THIS FAR-FLUNG WORLD!

HAVE YOU SUMMONED ME HERE WITH NEWS OF HER FOR WHOM I SEARCH?

WE CANNOT BE SURE, MAGICIAN!

YOUR WELL-MEANT WARNING IS OF NO AVAIL FOR ME, O KING! FOR, I OWE MY VERY LIFE TO DORMAMMU'S PRISONER! IT IS A DEBT I MUST PAY--NO MATTER WHAT THE PRICE!

BEWARE, MY SON! FOR, WE DO NOT KNOW IF THIS IS TRULY THE DIMENSION WHEREIN HE EXILED THE GIRL! IT MAY BE A TRAP!

...AND YET, THE ANCIENT ONE HAS SENSED THE PRESENCE OF SOME POWERFUL *MAGIC SPELL* ON THE OUTER EDGE OF INFINITY--A SPELL THAT COULD ONLY HAVE BEEN CAST BY THE DREAD DORMAMMU HIMSELF!

BUT I MUST CAUTION YOU AGAINST *JOURNEYING* THERE! NO ONE HAS EVER DONE SO--AND SURVIVED TO TELL OF IT!

THAT IS TRUE! YET, SHE HAS SUFFERED SO MUCH FOR MY SAKE, THAT I MUST TAKE THAT *RISK*, FAREWELL!

FARE THEE WELL--AND MAY THE OMNIPOTENT *OSHTUR* PROTECT THEE!

MEANWHILE, IN THE WEIRD DOMAIN WHICH EXISTS IN THE TWILIGHT AREA ON THE EDGES OF INFINITY, THE SOLE INHABITANT OF THAT FEARSOME REALM RECEIVES AN OMINOUS MESSAGE...

SO BE ON GUARD, O TAZZA! THE ONE CALLED *MR. STRANGE* COMES INDEED TO DESTROY YOU!

MY THANKS FOR YOUR WARNING, MIGHTY DORMAMMU!

THE MIGHTY TAZZA DOES NOT KNOW THAT IT WAS ACTUALLY *ASTI*, CARRYING MY MAGICAL SPELL, WHO HAS LURED MY FOE INTO THIS COSMOS!

BUT, KNOW THAT *HE*, LIKE ALL OTHERS WHO HAVE DARED TO ENTER THE LONELY KINGDOM OF TAZZA, WILL FIND 'TIS FAR EASIER TO ENTER THAN TO LEAVE--ALIVE!

IT SHALL BE AS YOU HAVE SAID!

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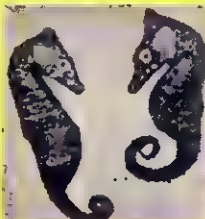
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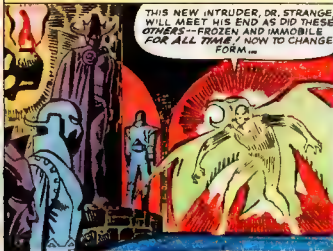
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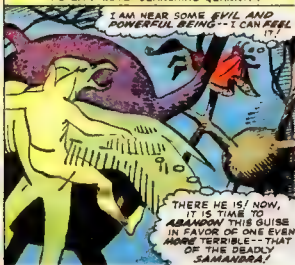


THIS NEW INTRUDER, DR. STRANGE, WILL MEET HIS END AS DID THESE OTHERS--FROZEN AND IMMOBILE FOR ALL TIME! NOW TO CHANGE FORM...

AND, IN THE SINISTER SHAPE OF A MYSTIC FLYING SCAVENGER, I SHALL GO TO TEST THE INTERLOPER'S POWERS--TO SEE IF HE BE WORTHY TO STAND FOREVER IN MY HALL OF HEROES!



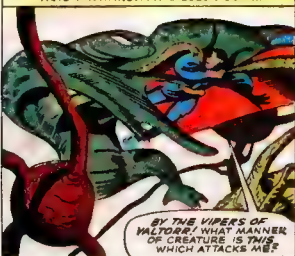
WITHIN MOMENTS, THE MAGIC OF TAZZA LOCATES HIS EARNESTLY SEARCHING QUARRY...



I AM NEAR SOME EVIL AND POWERFUL BEING--I CAN FEEL IT!

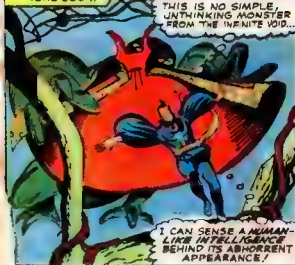
THERE HE IS! NOW, IT IS TIME TO ABANDON THIS GUISE IN FAVOR OF ONE EVEN MORE TERRIBLE--THAT OF THE DEADLY SAMANDRA!

AND, THE NEXT SECOND, ONLY LIGHTNING-FAST REFLEXES SAVE THE MASTER OF THE MYSTIC ARTS FROM INSTANTANEOUS DOOM...



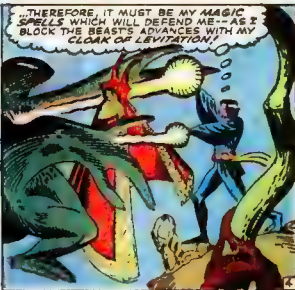
BY THE VIPERS OF VALTOOR! WHAT MANNER OF CREATURE IS THIS WHICH ATTACKS ME?

EVEN AS HE ACTS TO SAVE HIMSELF, DR. STRANGE REALIZES...



THIS IS NO SIMPLE, UNTHINKING MONSTER FROM THE INFINITE VOID...

I CAN SENSE A HUMAN-LIKE INTELLIGENCE BEHIND ITS ABHORRANT APPEARANCE!



...THEREFORE, IT MUST BE MY MAGIC SPELLS WHICH WILL DEFEND ME--AS I BLOCK THE BEAST'S ADVANCES WITH MY CLOAK OF LEVITATION!



**A HEARTBEAT LATER...**

THE CREATURE  
FLEES--MUCH  
TOO READILY!  
BUT--FOR  
WHAT  
REASON?



THIS DISGUISE HAS FULFILLED  
ITS PURPOSE! I HAVE MEASURED  
THE EXTENT OF HIS POWER...

AND SO, IT IS TIME NOW FOR  
MY FINAL AND MOST FEARFUL  
TRANSFORMATION--INTO THE  
MOST DEADLY OF ALL MY  
VARIED FORMS...



HAVING SAMPLED THE  
MAGIC OF MY PREY, I  
CAN NOW COUNTER  
THE SPELLS HE USED  
BEFORE--AND, THIS  
TIME, VICTORY  
SHALL BE MINE!



I SENSE MY FOE  
RETURNING--YET  
IN A NEW, EVEN MORE  
FORMIDABLE GUISE!

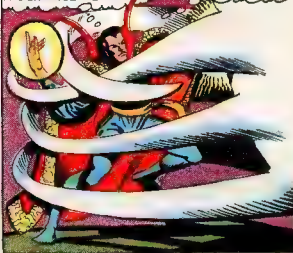
INSTINCTIVELY, DR. STRANGE EMPLOYS A MYSTIC  
SPELL SIMILAR TO THE PREVIOUS ONE, ONLY TO FIND...

IT HAS-- NO EFFECT! THE  
MANY-ARMED MONSTER IS  
NOW IMMUNE TO MY  
MAGIC BOLTS!



NO TIME FOR ANY OTHER  
MANEUVER! ITS TENTACLES  
ARE ENCIRCLING ME--

--AND I AM HELPLESS  
TO PREVENT THEM!



SLOWLY... RELENTLESSLY... IRRESIST-  
IBLY... THE FORM OF THE AMOEBOID  
ATTACKER ENFOLDS THE HOPELESSLY  
STRUGGLING FORM OF THE MASTER  
MAGICIAN...

THE BEAST IS  
COMPLETELY ENCASING ME  
WITH ITS OWN BODY--AS  
IF TO ABSORB ME  
INTO ITS OWN  
BEING!



ONLY ONE LAST,  
DESPERATE  
CHANCE TO  
SAVE MYSELF--!

--MY ENCHANTED AMULET!  
PERHAPS IT CAN MAGNIFY MY  
MENTAL ENERGY--INTO RAYS  
POWERFUL ENOUGH TO SHATTER  
THIS SHAPE WHICH NOW ENCLOSES  
ME.



BUT, EVEN AS THE POTENT CHARM  
BEGINS TO THROB WITH A SILENT,  
PULSATING GLOW, THE ENTRAPPED  
SORCERER VANISHES FROM MORTAL  
SIGHT, UTTERLY ENVELOPED BY  
HIS ASTOUNDING ATTACKER...

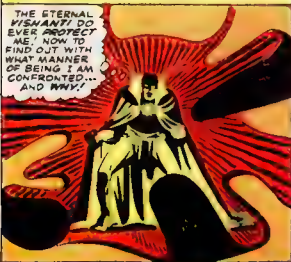


IS IT TOO LATE FOR EVEN THE  
MIRACULOUS AMULET TO SAVE  
ITS CAPTIVE WEARER?



THEN, IN A BURST OF BLINDING LIGHT AND EXPLODING ENERGY--DR. STRANGE IS FREE!

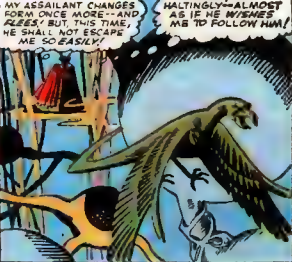
THE ETERNAL VISHANTI DO EVER PROTECT ME! NOW TO FIND OUT WITH WHAT MANNER OF BEING I AM CONFRONTED... AND WHY!



HOWEVER...

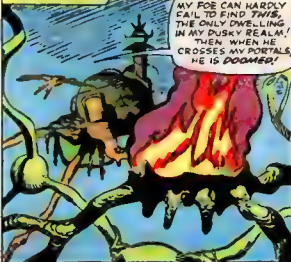
MY ASSAILANT CHANGES FORM ONCE MORE--AND FLEES! BUT, THIS TIME, HE SHALL NOT ESCAPE ME SO EASILY!

YET, HE FLIES SO SLOWLY, SO HALTINGLY--ALMOST AS IF HE WISHES ME TO FOLLOW HIM!



THE MASTER OF THE MYSTIC ARTS HAS CALCULATED CORRECTLY FOR...

MY FOE CAN HARDLY FAIL TO FIND THIS, THE ONLY DWELLING IN MY DUSKY REALM! THEN WHEN HE CROSSES MY PORTALS, HE IS DOOMED!



AND, INDEED, IT IS ONLY A FEW EARTHLY MINUTES LATER THAT DR. STRANGE DRAWS NEAR THE SERE, OMINOUS STRUCTURE...

ONCE I ENTER, I MUST BE DOUBTLY ON MY GUARD! FOR, I NEED NO CRYSTAL BALL TO WARN ME OF AN IMPENDING TRAP!

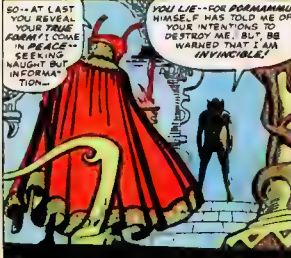


BUT I MUST GO ON-- TO LEARN IF MY OPPONENT KNOWS WHERE THE DREAD DORMAMMU HAS EXILED HIS HAPLESS VICTIM!

INSIDE THE SEPULCHRAL PALACE, THE MIGHTY SORCERER FINDS HIS ATTACKER AWAITING HIM, BRAZENLY...

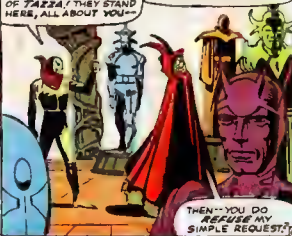
SO-- AT LAST YOU REVEAL YOUR TRUE FORM! I COME IN PEACE-- SEEKING NAUGHT BUT INFORMATION--

YOU LIE-- FOR DORMAMMU HIMSELF HAS TOLD ME OF YOUR INTENTIONS TO DESTROY ME! BUT, BE WARNED THAT I AM INVINCIBLE!



BE WARNED, ALSO, THAT MANY HAVE WANDERED, INTENTIONALLY OR BY MISTAKE, INTO THE TWILIGHT KINGDOM OF TAZZA! THEY STAND HERE, ALL ABOUT YOU--

--AND NONE HAS EVER RETURNED FROM WHENCE HE CAME! HERE THEY STAY, ALIVE BUT TRANSFIXED, FOR ALL ETERNITY!



THEN--YOU DO REFUSE MY SIMPLE REQUEST?



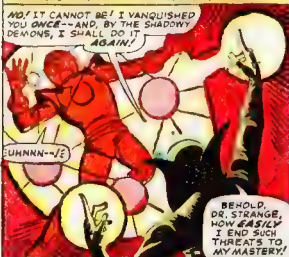
REQUEST? HOW DARE YOU MAKE A REQUEST OF THE GREAT TAZZA! NOW, IN THE NAME OF SATANNISH THE SUPREME, YOU SHALL JOIN THE OTHER UNMOVING FORMS IN MY HALLOWED HALLS...



DID YOU SAY UNMOVING, MY BOASTFUL FRIEND? NAY--LOOK BEHIND YOU!

SILENTLY, MENACINGLY, THE REVITALIZED CAPTIVE ADVANCES TOWARD HIS OPPRESSOR! THEN...

NO! IT CANNOT BE! I VANQUISHED YOU ONCE--AND, BY THE SHADOWY DEMONS, I SHALL DO IT AGAIN!



BEHOLD, DR. STRANGE, HOW EASILY I END SUCH THREATS TO MY MASTERY!

BUT, I NEED NOT FEAR! THIS MAGICAL GESTURE HAS POWERS WHICH WILL SHIELD ME FROM ANY SUCH RASH ATTACKS!

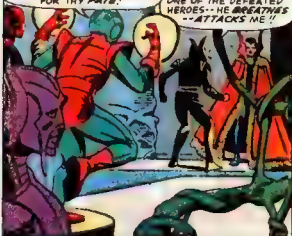


THAT WORTHLESS MOTION WILL NOT SAVE YOU FROM MY WRATH, LORD TAZZA!

AND, AS THE RULER OF THE OUTER EDGES OF INFINITY GLANCES BACKWARD, HE SEES...

NOW, EVIL ONE--PREPARE FOR THY FATE!

WHAT? IMPOSSIBLE--! ONE OF THE DEFEATED HEROES--HE BREATHES--ATTACKS ME!



END THEM TAZZA! RATHER, KNOW THAT IT IS ONLY THE BEGINNING!

STILL ANOTHER OF MY VICTIMS AWAKES? HAS MY BATTLE WITH DR. STRANGE WEAKENED MY AGE-OLD SPELL UPON THEM?



I, WHOM YOU BESTED ONCE, NOW RISE AGAINST YOU A SECOND TIME--AND THIS DAY, I SHALL BE THE VICTOR!

YET ONE MORE? MUST I RECONQUER YOU ALL? THEN--SO BE IT!



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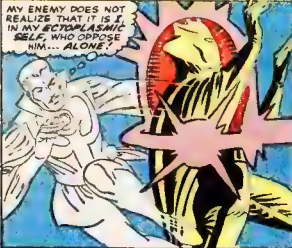
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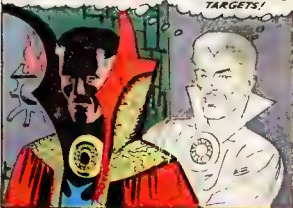
AT THE VERY MICRO-SECOND THAT THE ENRAGED TAZZA'S MYSTIC SPELL STRIKES THE THREATENING FIGURE, AN INVISIBLE SHAPE ABANDONS THE BODY...

MY ENEMY DOES NOT REALIZE THAT IT IS I, IN MY ECTOPLASMIC SELF, WHO OPPOSE HIM... ALONE!



HIS ENCHANTED BOLTS CANNOT TRULY HARM THE UNFEELING BOLTS OF HIS UNWILLING "GUESTS", SINCE THEY ARE ALREADY UNDER HIS SPELL!

AND, IN THIS WAY, I WAS ABLE TO FORCE HIM TO EXPEND SOME OF HIS MAGICAL ENERGY ON USELESS TARGETS!



SO THINKING, DR. STRANGE'S SPIRIT REENTERS ITS PHYSICAL DWELLING-PLACE...

AND, THE NEXT INSTANT, A CHALLENGE IS ISSUED!

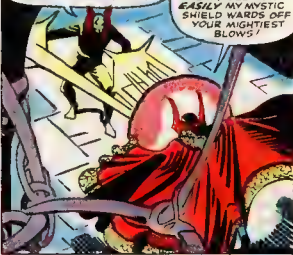
NOW THAT I HAVE TESTED THE EXTENT OF YOUR POWERS ALSO, MILDOR TAZZA, THE TIME HAS COME FOR THE DECIDING BATTLE!

-EH??- THEN, IT WAS YOU WHO SOMEHOW RESTORED MOVEMENT TO MY CAPTIVES! I WAS A FOOL NOT TO SENSE IT--!



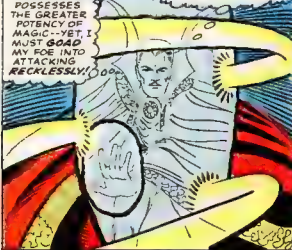
BUT, NO MATTER! I STILL POSSESS MORE THAN ENOUGH POWER TO DEFEAT YOU!

YOU OVERESTIMATE YOURSELF, MY RASH FRIEND! SEE NOW EASILY MY MYSTIC SHIELD WARDS OFF YOUR MIGHTIEST BLOWS!



IN TRUTH, I DO NOT KNOW WHICH OF US POSSESSES THE GREATER POTENCY OF MAGIC--YET I MUST GOAD MY FOE INTO ATTACKING RECKLESSLY!

BUT FIRST, I MUST LAUNCH AN OFFENSIVE OF MY OWN!



NOW LEARN A FURTHER LESSON, MY DEMONIC HOST--AS I HURL YOUR OWN ENCHANTED SPELL BACK UPON YOU!





YOU POSSESS  
GREAT SKILL!  
MORTAL...

YET, IT WILL TAKE MORE  
THAN A SINGLE SURGE  
OF POWER TO VANQUISH  
TAZZA!

MAY THE HOARY  
HOSTS OF HOGGOTH  
DEFEND ME! HE  
ATTACKS MORE  
SKILLFULLY THAN EVEN  
I HAD IMAGINED!

NONE WHO LIVE  
SHALL EVER HEAR  
DR. STRANGE CRY  
FOR MERCY, BOASTFUL  
ONE!

SEE NOW, WITH A SINGLE  
MYSTIC GESTURE, I LAY  
WASTE YOUR ENCRILING  
BANDS!

FOR THE MOMENT,  
HOWEVER, I CANNOT  
STRIKE BACK--I  
MUST CHOOSE THE  
PRECISE INSTANT  
TO ACT--!

NOW, IMPUDENT  
INTRUDER--YOU STAND  
SURROUNDED BY A  
MIGHTY MYRIAD OF  
DEADLY ENERGY RINGS!  
SHALL I HEAR YOUR  
CRIES FOR MERCY?

HE IS SHOCKED--STUNNED  
THAT MY MAGIC COULD  
HAVE OVERCOME HIS SPELL!  
THIS MUST BE THE MOMENT  
OF THE ULTIMATE GAMBIT!

SURRENDER, LORD  
TAZZA, AND I  
MAY ALLOW YOU TO  
RETAIN POSSESSION  
OF YOUR SHADDOY  
DOMAIN!

WHAT? 'TIS NOT  
YOURS TO GIVE,  
AS I SHALL SOON  
DEMONSTRATE--!

MY PLAN SUCCEEDED! IN  
HIS EAGERNESS TO ATTACK,  
HE NEGLECTED HIS OWN  
DEFENSES-- AND I HAVE  
BREACHED THEM!

UHHNN--!! I AM  
DEFEATED BY MY  
OWN CARELESSNESS!

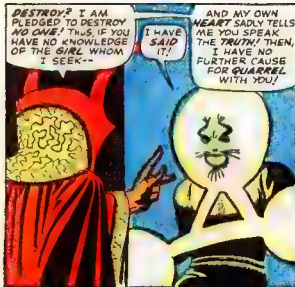
THAT IS CORRECT,  
VANQUISHED ONE! THE  
BATTLE IS FINISHED  
AND YOU HAVE LOST!

FEMALE? I HAVE NO  
KNOWLEDGE OF ANY FEMALE  
--I KNOW ONLY THAT  
DORMAMMU WARNED ME  
THAT YOU CAME TO  
DESTROY ME!

NOW, ANSWER MY  
QUESTION! WHERE  
IS THE FEMALE  
HURLED BY DORMAMMU  
THRU THE DARK  
DIMENSIONS?

DO THEN  
YOUR  
WORST!  
TAZZA  
DOES NOT  
FEAR  
TO DIE!

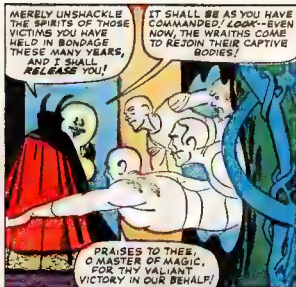




**DEstroy? I AM  
PLEGED TO DESTROY  
NO ONE! THUS, IF YOU  
HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE  
OF THE GIRL WHOM  
I SEEK--**

**I HAVE  
SAID  
IT!**

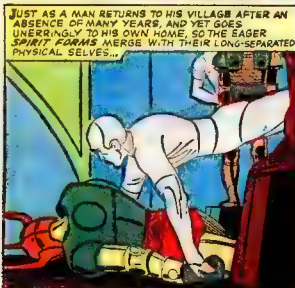
**AND MY OWN  
HEART SADLY TELLS  
ME YOU SPEAK  
THE TRUTH! THEN,  
I HAVE NO  
FURTHER CAUSE  
FOR QUARREL  
WITH YOU!**



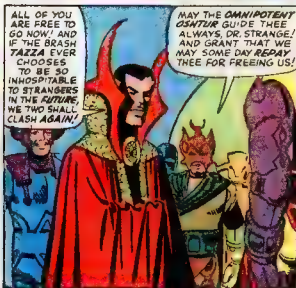
**MERELY UNSHACKLE  
THE SPIRITS OF THOSE  
VICTIMS YOU HAVE  
HELD IN BONDAGE  
THESE MANY YEARS,  
AND I SHALL  
RELEASE YOU!**

**IT SHALL BE AS YOU HAVE  
COMMANDED! LOOK--EVEN  
NOW, THE WRAITHS COME  
TO REJOIN THEIR CAPTIVE  
BODIES!**

**PRAISES TO THEE,  
O MASTER OF MAGIC,  
FOR THY VALIANT  
VICTORY IN OUR BEHALF!**

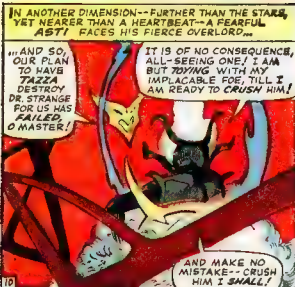


**JUST AS A MAN RETURNS TO HIS VILLAGE AFTER AN  
ABSENCE OF MANY YEARS, AND YET GOES  
UNERRINGLY TO HIS OWN HOME, SO THE SAGER  
SPIRIT FORMS MERGE WITH THEIR LONG-SEPARATED  
PHYSICAL SELVES...**



**ALL OF YOU  
ARE FREE TO  
GO NOW! AND  
IF THE BRASH  
TAZZA EVER  
CHOOSES  
TO BE SO  
INHOSPITABLE  
TO STRANGERS  
IN THE FUTURE,  
WE TWO SHALL  
CLASH AGAIN!**

**MAY THE OMNIPOTENT  
OSHTUR GUIDE THEE  
ALWAYS, DR. STRANGE!  
AND GRANT THAT WE  
MAY SOME DAY REPAY  
THEE FOR FREEING US!**

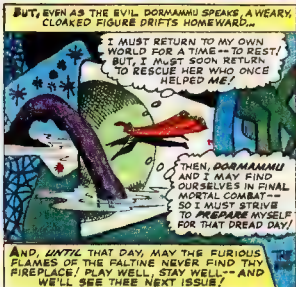


**IN ANOTHER DIMENSION--FURTHER THAN THE STARS,  
YET NEARER THAN A HEARTBEAT--A FEARFUL  
ASTI! FACES HIS FIERCE OVERLORD...**

**"...AND SO,  
OUR PLAN  
TO HAVE  
TAZZA  
DESTROY  
DR. STRANGE  
FOR US HAS  
FAILED,  
O MASTER!**

**IT IS OF NO CONSEQUENCE,  
ALL-SEEING ONE, I AM  
BUT TOYING WITH MY  
IMPLACABLE FOE, TILL I  
AM READY TO CRUSH HIM!**

**AND MAKE NO  
MISTAKE--CRUSH  
HIM I SHALL!**



**BUT, EVEN AS THE EVIL DORMAMMU SPEAKS, A WEARY,  
CLOAKED FIGURE DRIFTS HOMEWARD...**

**I MUST RETURN TO MY OWN  
WORLD FOR A TIME--TO REST!  
BUT, I MUST SOON RETURN  
TO RESCUE HER WHO ONCE  
HELPED ME!**

**THEN, DORMAMMU  
AND I MAY FIND  
OURSELVES IN FINAL  
MORTAL COMBAT--  
SO I MUST STRIVE  
TO PREPARE MYSELF  
FOR THAT DREAD DAY!**

**AND, UNTIL THAT DAY, MAY THE FURIOUS  
FLAMES OF THE FALTINE NEVER FIND THY  
FIREPLACE! PLAY WELL, STAY WELL--AND  
WE'LL SEE THEE NEXT ISSUE!**



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# STRANGE MAILS

Dear Stan,

Finally! Doctor Strange finds Eternity after long months of waiting. Next thing you know, you'll have all the old Howlers members of Shield and the Baron's Blitzkrieg Squad agents of Hydra. Personally, I think Fury and Shield are far greater than the Torch and the Thing were—no offense against those two cuties intended! But please don't make it Fury with guns blazing holding off all of Hydra. The story gets more interesting and exciting with each ish. I hope the old Avengers will guest-star every so often. Please don't make Fury the star he already is in SGT. FURY, because on STRANGE TALES #135 you didn't say a thing about Dr. Strange and #136 had "also featuring: Dr. Strange." Also featuring? Why, he's one of the original stars. I admit Fury's great, but give Doc some room on the covers. If you're going to degrade Dr. Strange, put Fury and Shield in with SGT. FURY and give Doc the cover story. After all, the tales are supposed to be STRANGE!

Bruce Tolley, 5821 Twin Gardens Drive  
Carmichael, Calif. 95608

Why? Why? Why did we get into the comic mag business? How in the name of the dread Dormammu do we answer a letter like Bruce's? We love Dr. Strange! He's our baby! We think he's a pussycat! We wouldn't degrade him for the world! But Shield is a brand new feature, and as such, it's generated tremendous excitement thruout comicdom! We're just getting it off to a good start, that's all, B.T.! And, as soon as we can, we'll give Baron Mordo's perpetual sparring partner the featured spot on a captivating cover! Fair 'nuff!

Dear Stan,

Well, the inevitable has happened in STRANGE TALES #140. The dread Dormammu, angered by Baron Mordo's bungling, has himself challenged Dr. Strange to a duel of mystic minds with the only weapons used being the enchanted pincers of power. Excellent story! Great artwork! Dr. Strange has the suaveness of a Caesar Romero and the good looks of a Steve Reeves. He truly is a great master of occultism and mysticism, of mind over body, of all the superior mental arts and sciences. Rugged Nick Fury, Agent of Shield, has all the qualities of a James Bond—raw courage and manliness, plus facing danger as his aim in life. His victory over Hydra, with the scientific help of Tony Stark, made a wonderful tale. The combination of two such greats as Nick Fury and Dr. Strange in one magazine makes a tremendous impact!

Johnnie Cirkoth, 96 Howard Ave.  
Ansonia, Conn. 06401

And that, students, is our answer to those who claim we print only the flatterring letters we receive! See? We're not afraid to print a nasty note now and then! Even though Johnnie didn't have a good word to say for the various ads that appear in our mags, we printed his letter anyway! How about that!

Dear Stan,

Nick Fury, Agent of Shield, is great. You finally broke away from this team grouping of super-heroes. This is your best idea since the Fantastic Four. In time I'm sure Shield will surpass every other Marvel mag published. A few things bother me, though. When Tony Stark disarmed the Betatron bomb, how did he know how to do it, since Shield never received the microfilm from Hydra about the bomb? The idea of a mobile heli-headquarters is stupendous—impractical, yes, but stupendous! Why don't you show the interior of Shield's headquarters on a pinup? For gosh sakes, keep Hydra around—I haven't seen anything like it before. Well, lots of luck with Shield, even though you won't need it.

Douglas Foley, 17900 N.E. Wilkes Rd.  
Portland, Oregon 97230

Okay, Doug—it's serious answer time! Tony Stark knew how to disarm the Betatron bomb because he himself had created similar devices, and after you've

seen one nutty bomb, you've seen 'em all! We're sorry we put the kibosh on Hydra before we received your letter, but don't be too surprised if Hydrie pops up again in the near future—we kinda dug those cats ourselves!

Dear Stan, **ED GRIFFITH**

I love Marvel comics and one of my favorites is STRANGE TALES. But in issue #140 I have a bone to pick with you. It was great, but by ending Hydra, you've gone too far. Hydra is what makes Thrush and Spectre look like things out of fairy tales. But now with Hydra gone, Shield will be almost nothing. If you don't let Hydra come back, STRANGE TALES will be used to light campfires. Why couldn't you have kept the Supreme Hydra's identity secret? Please bring Hydra back. Hail Hydra!

Edward Griffith, 436 Hermit St.  
Philadelphia 28, Pa.

Now this is the kinda letter we love! It's easy as pie for us to answer! All we haveta say is: "Take a squint at the answer to Doug Foley's letter, Ed! Same goes for you, too!"



Dear Stan,

Are you guys for real down there? In STRANGE TALES #140, on pages 1 and 2, how in heaven's name can Nick and the daughter of Supreme Hydra talk so much and still hold their breath? I know that Nick is very agile and strong, but how could he turn over that hunk of machinery which weighs at least a ton? Also, how come everybody is shooting and nobody gets killed???

Eddie Greutman, 35 Colonial Rd.  
Rochester, N.Y.

We've gotta have a little talk with you about your attitude, mister! You don't want us to think you're not Marvel-oriented, do you? Now shape up and face front, before we report you to Irving Forbush! (Okay, Okay! We admit we're not answering fairly—but what else can we do? Eddie's right about what he said, isn't he? Although, we've never claimed we're creating textbooks. Perhaps we do exaggerate just the merest trifle now and then!)

NEXT ISH: Needless to say, we've got a whooperoo of a battle between the dastardly Druid and the frolicsome Fury awaiting you! And, the chances are Doc Strange will have a little something to keep him occupied, too! So, if you've nothing better to do (and what can be better than the company of your bullpen buddies?), you might as well invest a dime and two coppers and join the party! In case you forget, STRANGE TALES #145 is the one to look for—but, if you miss it, don't destroy yourself! You'll probably be able to latch onto it again when it's on display in the Hall of Fame! So, till next ish, may the hoary hands of Hoggoth gently soothe thy fevered brow—although soap and water's just as good! Stay well! Now that you're ours, we wanna keep you forever!



# IS YOUR HAIR GROWING OR GOING?

Stand in front of a mirror. Take a long hard look at the top of your head. Do you have as much hair as one year ago? Do you see any new hair growth?

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E. K., Cleveland, Ohio

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C. La M., Philadelphia, Pa.

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W. T. W., Parola, Cal.

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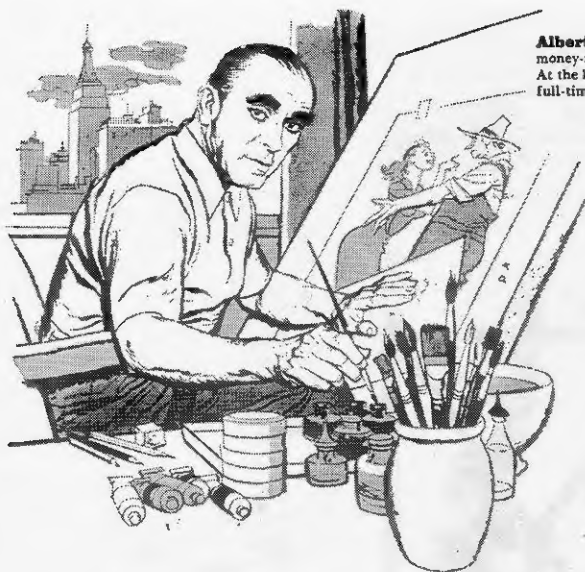
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## He's Looking for People Who Like to Draw

**T**ODAY HUNDREDS of men and women who never thought they could be artists are working happily at easels and drawing boards, making pictures and getting well paid for it. They all can thank Albert Dorne, a famous artist who devotes almost his full time to helping other people become artists.

### Some of the People Dorne Has Helped

Herb Smith was a payroll clerk. Soon after he started studying with us, he landed an art job with a large printing firm. This was four years ago; today he's head artist for the same firm.

Don Golemba of Detroit is another. He stepped up from railroad worker to the styling department of a big automobile company—by showing his work with the School. Now he helps design new-car models.

Pat Browning wanted to escape from her dull typing job to something creative. Soon after studying with us, she was promoted to full-time artist with the same firm—at much more money.

With the right training, Wanda Pickulski gave up her typing job

to become fashion artist for a local department store.

Eric Ericson worked in a garage while he studied art at night. Today he is a successful artist, earns seven times as much, and is building a new home for his family.

Long before Albert Dorne started looking for people who like to draw, they came to him for advice and help. Since he alone could help only a few of these people, he called together America's most successful artists—men like Norman Rockwell, Jon Whitcomb, Stevan Dohanos and Al Parker.

### A Plan to Help Others

He said: "All over America, there are people who like to draw, who could be turned into good artists. Why can't we give these people the training they need—including all the trade secrets and know-how we've learned over the years? I'm suggesting a new kind

### America's 12 Most Famous Artists

Norman Rockwell Fred Ludekens  
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of school—a home-study art school that would give talented people the best professional art training, no matter where they live."

The famous artists agreed. Taking time from their busy careers, they spent several years creating a remarkable series of art lessons covering every aspect of drawing and painting. They illustrated their lessons with over 5,000 "here's-how" illustrations. The lessons start from scratch and cover every skill a top artist needs. Finally, the famous artists developed a wonderful way to give each student personal correction and advice all through his training.

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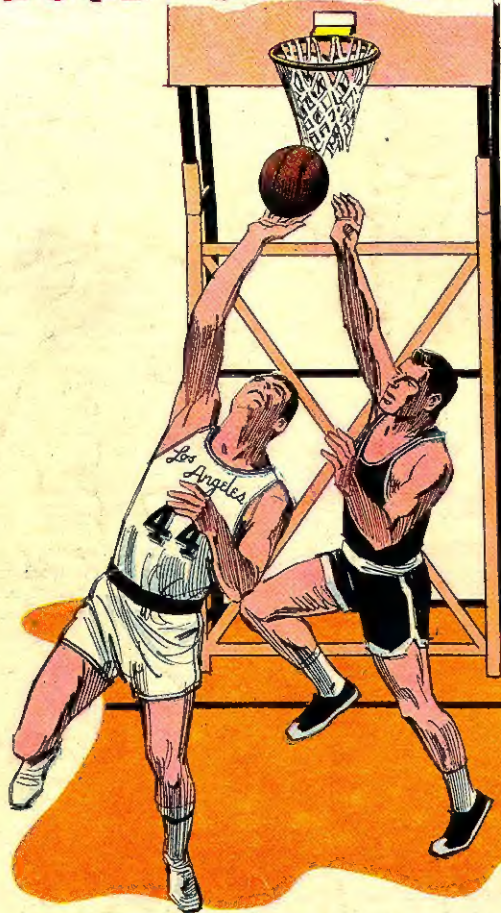
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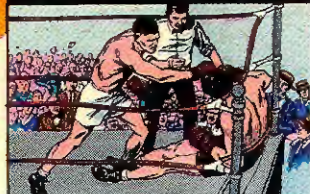
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